

CAPT. R. H. JENNINGS.

Has Been State Treasurer Six Years. Never Has Opposition.

There is only one State official who has held three terms, Capt. R. H. Jennings, whose careful administration of affairs at the State treasury has put him in office without opposition three times.

Robert H. Jennings was born in Fairfield county in 1839. He was educated in the old-field schools and was married in 1860 to Miss N. Lemire Gibson. Early in 1861 he enlisted in the Richland Guards of Kershaw's Second regiment, and served on the coast and on Morris Island until the time of his enlistment expired and he was discharged. During his service he witnessed the bombardment and surrender of Fort Sumter.

In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Almen Guards of Fairfield county, Third South Carolina battalion, becoming third lieutenant in May, 1862, and later being promoted to first lieutenant. In June, 1862, he went to Virginia and took part in the first battle on the Rappahannock river and in the Second Manassas, on the march to the Maryland campaign. He was captured on the 14th day of September, 1862, at Fredericksburg and taken to Point Delaware. He was exchanged about the first of December of the same year and rejoined his command, which had much hard service. On June 26, 1863, he left the 1st term on Newmarket Heights. It was amputated on the field and he remained in Jackson hospital at Richmond until September. He was soon returned to his home. He made two trips to the front after his recovery to bring back the bodies of dead comrades, but his day of service was done.

After the close of the war Mr. Jennings improved his education and became teaching, which occupation he followed for several years. In 1866 he was elected tax collector, serving until 1868. In 1868 he was elected clerk of the court of Fairfield county and re-elected in 1870 and 1881.

He was a successful candidate for state treasurer in 1899 and was re-elected successively, without opposition, in 1903 and 1906, a fact which speaks eloquently for the efficient service he has rendered the State in this important office. Although Mr. Jennings is 68 years of age, his vigor for thirty-five years of the same faithful, conscientious service which has characterized his past history.